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RAILWAYS ICE COMPANY TO INCREASE CAPACITY

Will Build New Loading Dock and Increase Storage Capacity To 120,000 Tons.

Doubling the storage capacity and dockage space of the local plant of the Railways Ice Company are included in the schedule for 1921, according to O. P. Walters, Manager. The construction work will be started just as soon as the material is on the ground, and the new building will be erected just south of the present site.

Present storage capacity of the plant is 60,000 tons, and when the new building is completed 120,000 tons can be stored. The freezing capacity of the plant is 90 tons daily, and this will not be increased at present. The company plans to store up ice during the winter to take care of the summer rush, when the demand runs about 250 tons daily.

Only a very small per cent of the ice manufactured here is used in Clovis, the greater part of it going to the fruit and meat trains that pass through here.

The additional dock, when completed will enable the company to ice twice as many trains as they can handle at present.

CLOVIS AND PLEASANT HILL CLASH TONIGHT

A basketball game has been matched between Clovis and Pleasant Hill in the High School gymnasium this evening. Several of last year's championship team will appear in the line-up, and a live game is assured.

The game starts at 8:00 o'clock. Clovis line-up follows: forwards, Crow and Pendergrass; centers, Howell and Walling; guards, Raybourne and Hobdy.

J. A. MATTHEWS INJURED IN RUNAWAY LAST FRIDAY

J. A. Matthews, a farmer living in the Ranchvale district northwest of Clovis, was seriously injured last Friday afternoon when his team ran away, throwing him beneath the wagon. The wagon passed over his body breaking one leg and injuring him internally.

Mr. Matthews was bringing a load of turkeys to town and the accident occurred on the highway a few miles west of Clovis.

It was reported that the injuries would probably be fatal, but hospital authorities reported Wednesday that he was improving.

WORK TO BE SUSPENDED FOR A FEW WEEKS

As soon as the foundation is completed, work will be discontinued on the new Methodist church until spring weather, according to statements issued this week. Those in charge of the work figure more can be accomplished by waiting a few weeks to push the work.

TURKEY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. O. Howard delightfully entertained Friday evening at a seven o'clock turkey dinner. Covers were laid for Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Poston and son, Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hightower, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Kuykendall, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collins, Mrs. E. W. Reagan and Mrs. Earl Cammel.

MASONIC LODGE NAMES NEW OFFICERS FOR 1921

At the regular communication of the Masonic Lodge, Tuesday, the following officers were elected for the year 1921.

Worshipful Master, W. H. Duckworth.

Senior Warden, E. R. Hardwick.

Junior Warden, C. N. Hardy.

Treasurer, S. A. Jones.

Secretary, P. A. LaShier.

The following officers for 1921 were appointed:

Senior Deacon, J. C. Luikart.

Junior Deacon, J. O. Howard.

Senior Steward, Milton Brown, Jr.

Junior Steward, W. S. Carmack.

Chaplin, E. W. Bowyer.

Tyler, F. A. Dillon.

The installation of the new officers will take place at the regular communication on December 27th.

BOY SCOUTS ORGANIZE FOR WORK IN CLOVIS

A regular troop of Boy Scouts of America has been organized in Clovis and sixteen boys are meeting regularly under the direction of Rev. C. D. Poston, according to reports from Scout headquarters.

Thursday evening at 6:30 has been set as the regular meeting hour and at present meetings are held in the basement of the Christian Church. However, the Scouts are looking for larger quarters, and if nothing better can be secured they plan to build an adobe cabin for their own use.

The Scout organization is a worthy one and every boy in Clovis has been urged to join. Eight more boys are needed immediately to fill out three patrols, it is announced.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL PUBLISH ANNUAL

The Clovis High School will publish a school annual this year, according to plans now under way. The staff is already at work securing photographs and snapshots of student life, and promises to make the book one to be proud of.

PEACH TREES NOT PROFITABLE IN VALLEY

An item in the Roswell News tells about the farmers in the Pecos Valley chopping down their peach trees and selling them for firewood. They declare peaches are not a paying proposition as the crop is very uncertain, due to the late freezes after the trees have bloomed.

NEW PLANING MILL ABOUT COMPLETED

The Clovis Planing Mill has about completed its new building just south of the Long-Bell Lumber Co. and will be ready for business after January 1st.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING READY AFTER JANUARY 1

J. W. Mordecai says he will have twelve rooms of the new Eugene Field school building ready for use immediately after the holidays. Mr. Mordecai has made excellent progress on the building during the past few weeks as he has been able to obtain plenty of labor.

HARDING ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Scrapping of the League of Nations, adoption of a resolution declaring formal peace with Germany and the calling of a world conference to organize a new Association of Nations is the tentative program which President-Elect Harding has in mind. His plan for an association of nations includes two basic features.

1. An international court, strictly judicial in nature, to administer a revised code of international law.

2. Frequent meetings of the association for conference over international problems not within jurisdiction of the court delegates not being bound in advance.

Harding's first step in the organization of the association of nations probably will be a conference for re-codification of international law.

The keynote of his plan is the international court which the conference feature organized on a loose basis after the fashion of the international "forum" suggested by Hiram Johnson recently.

The plan follows in a general way the campaign suggestions made by Harding in his speech of acceptance and his League of Nations speech August 28. It virtually ignores the Versailles Treaty and the League of Nations.

It is likely that foreign adoption of the peace resolution informal negotiations will have to be entered into between Germany and the Allied powers over claims presented by the United States to Germany for sunken ships, confiscation of American property in enemy countries, and other grievances.

The negotiations looking to a new association of nations will proceed through diplomatic channels and should be well under way within three or four months after Harding's inauguration, his advisors here predict.

NO REDUCTION PLANNED FOR SANTA FE FORCES

Company Will be Busy Getting Road Back to Pre-War Condition. Outlook is Bright.

No reduction of forces in any department is planned by the Santa Fe, according to local officials. Every department is now busy and will be kept busy in getting the road back to pre-war conditions it was stated Wednesday.

While the freight traffic is unusually light at the present time, the passenger traffic through to California is much heavier than last year, and within a short time an increase in freight shipments is expected. Fruit shipments from California will start in earnest within the next two months, and a record business is now being planned for.

While the labor situation is much better than it has been since the war and it is no trouble to secure labor in all departments, the local shops are taxed to the limit to take care of the necessary up-keep of equipment. Only a few shop employees have been laid off from work over the entire system, it is stated.

JUSTICE OF PEACE ELECTION WILL BE HELD JANUARY 10

Elections for Justice of the Peace will be held in the several precincts in the county on the 10th of January. Little interest is taken in this election as there are usually few candidates for the office.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL IS MAKING GOOD RECORD

Has Cared For 56 Patients Since October 7th, With Not a Single Death.

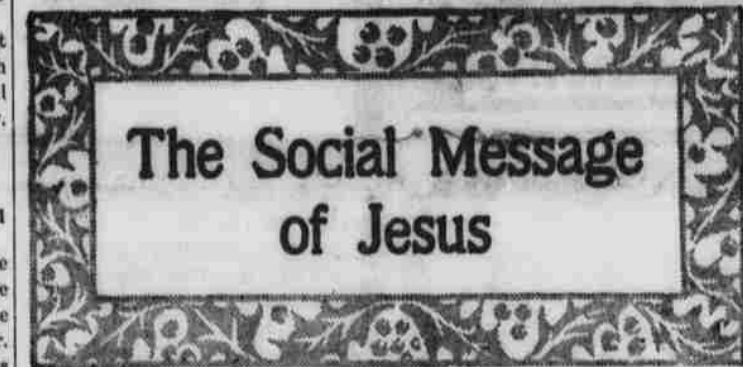
Caring for 56 patients with not a single death is the record of the local Baptist hospital, according to Miss Hunter, superintendent. Three nurses are now employed at the hospital.

The building is now completed, with the exception of a part of the basement and a portion of the interior decorating, and practically all the necessary equipment is installed. The building, which cost \$35,000, is an institution of which Clovis may well be proud, and the record which the hospital has made thus far is an enviable one.

S. L. NICKERSON HAS RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES

S. L. Nickerson, who attempted suicide on the Santa Fe passenger near Vaughn on December 6th, left for his home in Los Angeles this morning. Nickerson attempted to take his life by shooting himself in the head, and since that time has been cared for in the local Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. C. E. Smyer and children, who have been at Iowa City, Iowa, will arrive here this week to spend the holidays at home. Mr. Smyer will leave Thursday for Albuquerque where he will meet them and accompany them home.



The Social Message of Jesus

By S. J. DUNCAN-CLARK.
(Chicago Evening Post.)

NEVER did the world need more than now to hear the authoritative voice of Jesus.

If we are to bring order out of chaos, peace out of conflict, brotherhood out of clash of class and group, we must return in humble spirit to the Bethlehem manger, to the Nazareth shop, to the market place, the seashore or the mountainside, where the message of Jesus was spoken to the hearts of men.

Jesus believed in man. It is well to emphasize this fact in an age of cynicism. There was no room for despair in His philosophy. He came into a world where force and fraud and oppression prevailed, and to the hour of His triumphant death He never doubted that love and justice and freedom were possible in human relations.

Jesus believed in man as a potential Son of God. His ideal for society contemplated the emancipation of man from the control of material things. Mammon should not rule; there should be no occasion for anxious thought concerning any need of the body; the spiritual nature of man should be free to realize its highest destiny.

In the program that He worked out as He toiled at the bench He planned that service should be the motive and co-operation the method in human industry. We have substituted self-advantage for service, and mutual exploitation for co-operation. While these rule in motive and method we shall never realize the happiness He desired for us—the happiness we seek.

Jesus set small store by charity. The philanthropy of almsgiving was to Him a mere cloak for the imperfections and inequities of human relations. He put all the emphasis of His teaching and example upon justice and love. In a world where these prevailed charity would be unnecessary.

We have traveled so far from the ideals of Jesus it is not easy to restore them. But there is no other way to find a permanent solution for the troubles that disturb us. His road is the only road. It involves sacrifice. We cannot avoid the cross. But beyond Calvary lies the realization of our hopes.

It is not enough that the spirit of Jesus should be worshipped in our temples or revered in our homes. It is not enough that His sympathy and help should be expressed in our hospitals, our orphanages, our institutions for the poor and the afflicted. To be satisfied with this is to evade the real challenge of His message and to lose the real meaning of His promise.

The spirit of Jesus must be brought into factory and mine and bank and railroad system; into store and office. It must reveal to us that man is more than the machine with which he works; that material wealth was meant to be the servant, not the master, of the human soul; that the making of a life is the supreme thing, for which the making of a livelihood is merely incidental.

Until we get this vision, we will approach the solution of our problems without true understanding.

It is time that men who believe in Jesus should make their faith count—not merely in religious observance, but in human relations; in civic duty; in business; in industrial management; in the tasks of office and workshop.

The hope of the world rests upon the leadership of Jesus.

MOUNTAINS OF COAL

Mountains of coal—whole mountains of it.

That's the sight that greets the eye in the Santa Fe yards south of the ice plant, where 15,000 tons of fuel are stacked on the ground.

And it will all be used up, and more, too, before the winter is past.

Each year the railroad company stacks a mountain of coal in the yards for use during the year. A big steam shovel, picking up five tons at a bite, is kept busy loading cars to be dumped into the coal chute. Locomotives coaling here use about 200 tons each day.

BRATTON SERVING ON FAMOUS VILLISTA CASE

District Judge Acts on Supreme Bench During the Absence of Judge Reynolds.

Judge Sam Bratton returned this week from Santa Fe where he has been serving as a member of the Supreme Court, filling the place of Judge Reynolds who is in California. Judge Bratton, while in Santa Fe, was sitting as one of the judges in the famous Villista case. The sixteen Villista murderers who were pardoned by Governor Larranzolo on November 22, are now seeking through habeas corpus proceedings, to secure their freedom, their pardons not becoming effective on account of an injunction from the District Court.

The Supreme Court has not yet rendered a decision in the case and it is believed by many that they will not until after the holidays. These sixteen Villistas were convicted for their part in the Columbus raid of a few years ago and the outcome of this case will be watched with much interest by the people elsewhere, as well as here in New Mexico.

POST OFFICE CLERKS DOING RUSH BUSINESS

The local postoffice has been exceptionally busy this week handling the outgoing Christmas mail. Each day's huge pile of packages has been dispatched, notwithstanding the fact that it has required some night work to get the mail all out. The incoming mail is also heavy, the Christmas packages commencing to arrive in increased numbers this week.

Last year the local postoffice force figured that they handled a big business at this point, it having broken all previous records, but now it is estimated that the outgoing Christmas mail for this season will be one-third more than it was last year. Already the receipts from Christmas packages have totaled more than last year with the last three days of Christmas mailing to be done.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, was the heaviest day's business and Thursday and Friday are expected to be heavier, for notwithstanding the fact that the patrons are constantly admonished to mail packages early, the receipts show that the last two or three days before Christmas are always the heaviest ones. On last year the day before Christmas was the heaviest day's business the Clovis office handled.

HOLDING COURT FOR JUDGE SAM BRATTON

Judge Ed Mechem of Alamogordo has been in Clovis and Portales this week holding court for Judge Sam Bratton who has been in Santa Fe serving as a member of the Supreme Court. Judge Mechem is a brother of the Governor-Elect, M. C. Mechem.

PLANS FOR PAVING STARTED MONDAY NIGHT

The City Council started the paving procedure Monday night when it accepted the city engineer's report of the estimate on the work. A property owner's hearing will be held in February and the Council will be ready to accept bids so that work can be started early in the spring.

CONTRACT LET FOR ANOTHER BIG WELL

When Improvements are Completed Clovis' Water Supply Will Be More Than Doubled.

The City Council, on Monday night, let the contract for another big well that will help supply Clovis with water. The contract was awarded to Sperry and Brunning of Artesia, the same firm that put down the deep well that is now supplying the city with water.

The contract price for digging the well is \$16,000. To this must be added the cost of casing and other equipment which will run the total expenditure around \$21,000. Members of the council figured that this was a reasonable bid in that the other big well put down several years ago, cost within a few hundred dollars of this amount.

Work will be commenced at once and the contractors figure that the new well should be completed in about ninety days. It will have a capacity of from 400 to 600 gallons per minute or a minimum of around 24,000 gallons per hour and will more than double the water supply of the city. When the new well is completed, Clovis will have the best water supply of any town in this entire section of the country.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY MAN INSPECTS ROADS HERE

James C. Long, of Albuquerque, representative of the bureau of public roads of the Department of Agriculture, was in Clovis Saturday inspecting the highway projects under construction in Curry County.

The construction on the highway from Texico to Clovis and from Clovis to Portales, is well under way, according to Mr. Long, and the project for the improvement of the highway between Clovis and Grady has been approved.

Mr. Long was formerly major of engineers of the Rainbow Division.

MODERN SERVICE STATION MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

The Modern Service Station is moving from its present location with the Admiral Welding shop on Monroe Ave. to the old McFarlin building on West Grand Avenue. The Admiral Welding shop will add more equipment and occupy the entire building at its present location.

ELKS ACTING AS SANTA CLAUS AGAIN THIS YEAR

The Elks lodge, will as usual, distribute Christmas presents to the needy in Clovis. As has heretofore been the custom, coal and necessities, as well as candy, fruits, nuts and trinkets for the kiddies will be sent out on the day before Christmas to families that are not able to provide for themselves. A committee composed of Jno. O. Pritchard, W. F. Dillon and A. Mandell will have charge of this work and those who know of needy families will do these men a favor by telling them the names and addresses of these people.

HARDY AND THOMAS HAVE PURCHASED CITY BAKERY

Hardy and Thomas, proprietors of the Home Bakery, have purchased the City Bakery, on South Main Street, and will consolidate the two shops within a short time.

It is probable that the oven and fixtures from the south Main street shop will be moved to the present site of the Home Bakery, but this will not be determined until the factory representative arrives to supervise the installation.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The News wishes all its readers a Merry Christmas and we take this opportunity to thank our subscribers and our advertisers for the loyal support given during the past year. The paper is coming out a day early this week in order that the readers may take advantage of the shopping suggestions made by the merchants in their advertising.